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Vaccine Management Improvement Project (VMBIP) Update

On April 30, 2007, the ISDH, Immunization Program mailed an important information packet to every VFC provider in the state. This packet contained critical information for each VFC provider's required transition to the new Vaccine Management Improvement Project (VMBIP) (See Vaccine E-Letter #235, April 27, 2007).

If you are responsible for your facility's vaccine ordering and storage, and you have not received the VMBIP transition packet, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program immediately.

Please contact Gary Rhyne, CDC Public Health Advisor, at 1-800-701-0704 or, (317) 233-7560. You may also contact us through the Immunize@isdh.IN.gov email. Please include your VFC PIN Number, facility name, a contact person and a telephone number.

Included in this packet, in addition to important transition information, were two key documents. The first was a green colored sheet titled, Vaccine Shipping Instruction Form. We asked all providers to complete and FAX this form to the Immunization Program. The purpose of this form is to provide the Immunization Program with confirmation of every provider's current vaccine shipping and delivery instructions.

The second key document included in the information packet was the revised vaccine order form. Each provider has been assigned a new vaccine ordering cycle, either, Monthly; Bi-monthly; Quarterly or As-Is. The vaccine order form included in the information packet designates your facility's new ordering cycle in the upper right hand corner.

All providers are expected to begin using the new order form on July 1st. In addition, because some providers have been assigned a Bi-monthly or Quarterly ordering cycle, it is necessary for you to recalculate routine vaccine orders to adjust to the new cycle.

The information in the packet assists providers in making a smooth transition to the new ordering process.

Vaccine orders are due to the ISDH, Immunization Program by FAX (317) 233-3719, by the 10th of each month.

Important Reminder!

Please remember that all VFC HPV orders must be submitted by the 10th of each month on the special HPV order form. For public health departments and all other public immunization providers, HPV can still **only** be given to VFC eligible girls 9 through 18 years of age.

New Hepatitis A Training Tool

The sixth instructional module in CDC's *Immunization: You Call the Shots* series of web-based training materials is now available. This latest module, "Hepatitis A," provides information on hepatitis A virus infection, the hepatitis A vaccine, and recommendations for vaccine use. *Immunization: You Call the Shots* is an interactive, self-study course intended for healthcare professionals. The course is available free of charge, and for continuing education credits, on the NCIRD website at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/ed/youcalltheshots.htm>. Questions or comments about the "Hepatitis A" module may be e-mailed to nipinfo@cdc.gov.

IAC updates four of its immunization-education pieces

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) recently updated four immunization-education pieces. Details and links follow.

A question concerning long-term health problems was added to "Screening Questionnaire for Adult Immunization."

To access a ready-to-print (PDF) version of it, go to:
<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4065scr.pdf>

Updates were made to "Vaccinations for Adults: You're never too old to get immunized!"

To access a ready-to-print (PDF) version of it, go to:
<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4030a.pdf>

"Administering Vaccines to Adults: Dose, route, site, needle size, and preparation," was revised to change the dosage information for live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV; nasal spray) to 0.2 mL (0.1 mL into each nostril); previously it was 0.5 mL (0.25 mL into each nostril).

To access a ready-to-print (PDF) version of it, go to:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3084.pdf>

"Unusual Cases of Hepatitis B Virus Transmission" was updated to add six new cases.

To access a ready-to-print (PDF) version of it, go to:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2100nrs.pdf>